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DG Bernie's Message - ROTARY INTERNATIONAL – THE KNOWLEDGE



In a continuing effort to bring the knowledge of our great organisation to every Rotarian, I have presented the following points regarding our structures and purpose in an attempt to revisit the need for and importance of the existence of Rotary in our world today.

Rotary International is the association of Rotary Clubs throughout the world and is an organisation of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The members of Rotary International are the Clubs and presently, these are in excess of 30,000 worldwide. Rotarians are members of their respective Clubs.

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First – the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service.
- Second – high ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third – the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
- Fourth – the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Mission of Rotary International is to support its member clubs in fulfilling the Object of Rotary by:

- Fostering unity among member Clubs
- Strengthening and expanding Rotary around the world
- Communicating worldwide the work of Rotary
- Providing a system of international administration.

The District – its activities and organisation is to exist solely to help the individual Rotary Club advance the Object of Rotary and it should not tend to diminish services provided by Rotary Clubs and individual Rotarians on a local level.

Clusters – part of the District Leadership Plan is the appointment of Assistant Governors to assist the District Governor with the administration of designated Clubs. These Clubs are assembled into Clusters to enable a reasonable spread of the administrative workload. The Assistant Governor is the conduit between the Governor and the Club President and is there to support the Plans and Objectives and assist the Club President in carrying out the activities of the Club. The Assistant Governor is required to keep the Governor informed of the health of the Club and to make recommendations.

It must be remembered that Clusters not only exist for the administrative assistance to the District Governor, but they are also a sound vehicle for the bonding between members of the various Clubs and, in some cases, a great way of conducting a major project that is considered too large for one Club.

It is hoped this will provide a better understanding of the purpose of Rotary and where it fits in the overall scheme of things. It is hoped this will also serve to review your service to the community at large and assist in promoting membership to advance Rotary Service.

Lead the Way by expanding Rotary in your community.

Bernie Walshe

District Governor

SEPTEMBER IS NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

INVITATION TO CANBERRA - The Time Of Your Life

Labour Day Weekend 9 - 11 March 2007

Visit the new Conference website at www.rotaryd9800.org and click on Conference

DG Bernie Walshe & Margaret invite all Rotarians and partners to "Experience the Power of Rotary" at the District 9800 - 2007 Conference in Canberra.

Margaret and I have great pleasure in inviting you to our National Capital, Canberra, for the Rotary International District 9800, 2007 Conference.

We promise a program and a Rotarian experience that will both stimulate and entertain you.

Canberra's attractions are numerous and represent the treasures of our nation, with attractions including the Australian War Memorial, the Australian Institute of Sport, the National Gallery and Old Parliament House. From trendy Manuka with its stylish restaurants and boutiques to

the beautiful surrounding bushland, wineries and golf course, there is something to please everyone.

Time away from work will be minimal, as we have chosen the Labour Day Weekend from 9th to 11th March. The Conference will be held on the Saturday and Sunday with a very special Welcome Function on Friday night at the award winning National Museum of Australia on the shores of Lake Burley Griffin.

Top speakers including Dr Andy Thomas, astronaut, the revered neurosurgeon, Professor Jeffrey Rosenfeld, concert pianist Alan Kogosowski, Commonwealth Games gold medallist and Aussie Super mum Kerryn McCann & Shelterbox inventor, Tom Henderson will inspire and inform.

Club Dinners will be held on the night of Saturday 10th March with the gala Dinner Dance concluding the conference on the Sunday evening. The Monday is a holiday in Victoria & you will be able to travel home ready for work on Tuesday, or take a few extra days to explore the fascinating attractions that Canberra has to offer.

Costs will be kept to minimum and the conference offers exceptional value. Drive from Melbourne in around seven hours with a rest stop at Albury, or you may prefer to fly or take the train. Along the way up or back enjoy the many attractions including the Snowy Mountains in Autumn, the stunning Gippsland Lakes, or the fantastic wineries in Victoria, New South Wales and the ACT. Canberra is also within easy reach of Sydney for those wanting to explore the harbour city.

The Conference will be presented with you, your partner and family in mind for an unforgettable experience that will hold long in your memory of a great weekend of Fun and Fellowship.

Please join us to Experience The Power of Rotary! in Canberra on the Labour Day Weekend, March 9th to 11th 2007.

Bernie Walshe
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1. **A special and important message from DG Bernie:**

This is really something every Rotarian who really wants to **do good in the world** should be interested in and maybe interested enough to join me for breakfast on the Thursday **12 October 2006** at 7:00 am at Leonda by the Yarra Hawthorn with [Kirsty Sword Gusmao](#). Kirsty is to speak about Rotary's Actions to Help Saves Lives in East Timor.

Kirsty Sword Gusmao, is the First Lady of Timor Leste and Patron of the **Alola Foundation**. Share her unique experiences in East Timor, including the work of Rotary in Action. Alola's primary aim is seeking social justice by empowering the women and children of East Timor through the provision of educational and health programmes.

Please refer to attachments - [click here](#) to learn all about the **Alola Foundation** and [Click here](#) for details of the special breakfast with a difference, with Kirsty Sword

Gusmao aiming to **"Help Save Lives in East Timor"**.

2. **The Victorian College of Pharmacy, Monash University**, this year, celebrates its 125th anniversary and is holding a public lecture series in October that may be of interest to Rotarians. Lectures are as follows:

Pacemaker cells in the prostate gland - Tuesday 3 October

Dr Betty Exintaris

Medicines - friend or foe - Tuesday 10 October

Professor Michael Dooley

Tackling pandemic influenza - new solutions to an age old problem - Tuesday 17 October

Professor Mark von Itzstein

Public/private partnerships - a new drug discovery model for Malaria and other neglected diseases - Tuesday 24 October - Professor Bill Charman

Medicines of the future - what's around the corner - Tuesday 31 October - Professor Peter Stewart

All lectures will be held from 6.30pm - 8.00pm at the Victorian College of Pharmacy, 381 Royal Parade, Parkville, Melways ref 29 G12. Following the lecture, light refreshments will be served.

The lectures are free but registration is essential. People can register online at <http://www.vcp.monash.edu.au/125/public-lectures.html>

You can contact Marketing Manager (Louise Gray) 9903 on 9504 or email her at louise.gray@vcp.monash.edu.au for more details.

3. **Where are those GSE Nominations?
Promises, promises!!**

So far District GSE Chairman has more promises of nominations than actual applications. Any clubs who intend sending in an application, please be reminded that applications close in ten days time. I have two team leader and two team member nominations.

Clubs - please note that the count down has well and truly started. Nominations will close on 29 September 2006 and any received after that date may not be considered.

4. **MORE REMINDERS:**

4.1 DISTRICT AWARDS REMINDER

Another reminder to share your great ideas and projects with other Rotary Clubs of the District. [Click here to download Criteria](#)

Contact District Awards Chairman, Lyndon Joss for further information: Phone / Fax: (03) 9885 0473

Email: d9800awards@optusnet.com.au;

1 Harold Avenue, Glen Iris Vic 3146

4.2 DISTRICT 9800 FOUNDATION SEMINAR REMINDER

The Seminar will be held in the Old Royce Abbey Room, International House on Saturday October 7th 9AM to 12PM.

4.3 THINKING ABOUT ATTENDING THE RI CONVENTION IN SALT LAKE CITY IN JUNE 2007? DG Bernie has appointed Keith Ryall as "On to Convention" Chair 2007. Please email Keith at kfryall@adesse.com.au to register your interest and keep in touch for District plans

5. Attention: all users of the [Royce Abbey Room](#) (International House) The "new" Royce Abbey Room is currently undergoing renovations and, until further notice, all meetings scheduled for the "Royce Abbey Room" will be held in the "old" Royce Abbey Room in the Greycourt building.

6. Last week was National Stroke Week. Dr. Janice Kesterton (President RC Richmond) would like to see Rotary spread this information generally, because it is imperative to realise that, if caught early, a stroke can be treated. Please take note of the information below - her only other advice would be to pick a major hospital if possible - by ambulance if it seems appropriate.

What are the warning signs of stroke?

- Sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm, or leg (especially on one side of the body)
- Sudden nausea, fever, and vomiting
- Difficulty speaking or understanding words or simple sentences
- Sudden blurred vision or decreased vision in one or both eyes
- Difficulty swallowing
- Dizziness, loss of balance, or loss of coordination
- Brief loss of consciousness
- Sudden inability to move part of the body (paralysis)
- Sudden, unexplainable, and intense headache

7. WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CLUBS

RC Bendigo South

Please note that the regular meeting of RC Bendigo South scheduled for Thursday, 30th November has been cancelled and re scheduled for Friday 1st December at Camp Getaway.

RC Brighton

The **Royce Abbey Oration**. It will now be held Thursday October 19th at Molina's Brighton Beach, 6.00 for 6.30pm conducted by the Rotary Club of Brighton. Cost \$25 drinks at bar prices. Special guest speaker, The Hon Tim Fischer.
Bookings: Past District Governor John King. email jwking@hotmail.net.au or phone 95929120, fax 95929278.

RC Essendon North

The Club advises that the following scheduled dinner meetings have been changed:

Wed Sept 27th - Will now be held at same venue on Mon Sept 25th

Wed Nov 8th Nov - Will now be held on Mon Nov 6th for the Club's annual Melbourne cup Calcutta on this night

RC Kew on Yarra

The Rotary Club of Kew on Yarra is supporting Friends of Rumania in holding a Book Fair at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, corner Cotham Road and St John's Parade Kew, on 14 and 15 October. Proceeds from the fair go towards the FCJ Mission to Rumania.

A flier is attached giving full details - [click here](#). Fellow Rotarians are encouraged to not only to "spread the word" but also come to the fair themselves. There will be thousands of books for sale and some great bargains.

Also, the Club is still collecting donations of books. If anyone would like to do a spring clean of their library, donations can be given to Julie Chamberlin, Unit 8, 54 Charles Street, Kew.

RC Tullamarine:

On the 14th and 15th of October the Club will be running its annual 24 hour Mega swim in aid of MS. For more information any one interested go to the swim web site at www.msswim.com

RC Woodend - Big sale, big sale

The Club has decided to part with their BBQ trailer and as per the flier (Click here) all interested Clubs are invited to make a realistic and genuine offer.

New Members

Good to see that we again have new Members to welcome this week - and a big Rotary welcome to you all.

RC Bendigo Cheryl Sobczyk

RC Melbourne Sue Renkin

RC Kew Sameer Vikram Babbar

RI Exchange Rate

The September Rotary exchange rate for the AUD is 1.31

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